

Joseph Anderson to Andrew Jackson, August 4, 1796, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JOSEPH ANDERSON TO JACKSON.1

1 Probably refers to the elopement of Samuel Donelson with a daughter of Gen. Daniel Smith, to which Jackson gave encouragement. Samuel Donelson was Mrs. Jackson's brother and became the father of Maj. Andrew J. Donelson, later Jackson's private secretary.

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. . . . I am happy to hear of my friend Samuel, haveing entered into the Connubial State. What hath come to pass, I expected. I have however not a doubt but the young Couple are happy, and will Continue to be so, to the end of their days, for which they have my most Sincere wishes. Present my respectful regards to them both, and tell them, that a grand son, will put a period to the old Generals pouting.

I shall make a point of informing my fellow Citizens generally and specially, of your intention of holding a pole as a representative to Congress. If Blount and Cocke Shou'd be again elected Senators, you will be most certainly elected. if only one of them, and the other Senator shou'd be Doctr. White, I cannot answer so certainly, but in either event, you may count upon my interest, and that of all my friends. Colonel Outlaw has already told me, that he shall resign in your favour, and some of us are determined to push you in if possible, although you shou'd have a Senator from Cumberland.

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I had but little time at Knox after I re[c]d. your letter. I mentd. Samuel Donaldson to some of my friends, and have no Doubt but he will succeed as atty. Genl. for your District.

Present my most Respectful Compliments to your Lady, And assure yourself that I am with every Sentiment of Esteem Your friend